

CAMBRIDGE

GoGreen Awards

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CATEGORY: Waste Reduction/Small Business

DANCE COMPLEX

536 Massachusetts Avenue

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Dance Complex, a small business located in Cambridge for 19 years, generates minimal waste and provides access to recycling throughout their facility.
- In the process of completing a multi-million dollar historical renovation, the Dance Complex recycled and reused building materials including doors, windows, lighting, bathroom fixtures, and lockers.
- A reuse center is maintained in the lobby allowing people to donate and take items for reuse including clothing, home furnishings, baby accessories and even partially used bottles of shampoo.
- Accept used items and refurbish theater equipment, dance flooring and ballet barres. Paper office supplies feature post-consumer recycled content and staff work to reduce paper use.

ABOUT DANCE COMPLEX

Founded in 1991, members of the dance community rallied to save the historic Odd Fellows Hall, when the former owners closed its doors and declared bankruptcy. Through the combined efforts of the dance community, the City of Cambridge and the Central Square Business Association, the Dance Complex purchased the building, securing a home for the movement arts.

The Dance Complex has become a regional center for dance and movement arts, serving as a base for over 15 regional dance companies. Operating as a rental facility, over 60 teachers from more than 20 countries teach classes and workshops in a wide variety of movement art forms to about 1000 people weekly. Hundreds of volunteers run and maintain the facility, led by a part time staff of five artists and a Board of Directors. The Dance Complex is a community of people committed to sharing both the responsibility and the reward of securing and maintaining a facility for dance.

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ABOUT THE GO GREEN AWARD

The City of Cambridge annually recognizes local businesses and organizations for outstanding practices in transportation, waste reduction and recycling, energy, stormwater management, climate protection, and community sustainability. The awardees make significant contributions to the reduction of the carbon footprint of Cambridge and to making the city more sustainable.